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## Bittersweet back to school

Kassie Wright and Jason Bradley were one of thousands of parents who dropped their kids off at school this week. Their daughter, Jennie, started Kindergarten at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden Sept. 4. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## Owners say they'll put \$2M into Pinestone

By Mike Baker

Aurora Group president Shawn Aurora has reaffirmed his company's commitment to Haliburton County, saying he hopes to see demolition of the Wigamog Inn property completed by the end of 2024, and announcing a new \$2 million investment at Pinestone Resort.

Aurora said it has been several years of reflection for the family-owned company, which primarily functions in hospitality and business management. He said, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Aurora Group has done "more conserving than spending," meaning many notable projects, particularly at Pinestone, have taken a back seat.

"We held back to make sure there's liquidity [to cover] simple operating costs... we're no different from the regular public. When everybody had a shortage of cash with the economy, and when everything was technically closed with COVID, we felt that too," Aurora said. "Now, we see light at the end of the tunnel."

He said several rooms at Pinestone have been renovated over the summer, while around \$1.5 million is being invested to make the property "more green," Aurora notes, which he hopes will include the installation of solar panels, likely next spring.

There are also plans to break up and fill in the outdoor pool, making way for a new courtyard space that Aurora says would be ideal for weddings. Repairs to the indoor pool are ongoing, with the facility to reopen later this year, while the golf course has also seen some investment this summer.

All-in, Aurora pegs the Pinestone investment at approximately \$8 million since 2015.

"What a lot of people don't see is the underpinnings that are being replaced. Everyone sees the façade [and thinks the property is being left to rot] but they'll start to see

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# Auroras ‘committed’ to redeveloping Wig

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changes now because we’ve done a lot of the background work,” Aurora said.

Addressing rumours of financial issues, fueled by an incident Aug. 23 where it was thought Hydro One had turned off power at the Pinestone property, Aurora said he wanted to set the record straight.

“Nothing was cancelled, nothing was turned off – it was more of an internal misunderstanding,” Aurora said, noting he typically deals with Hydro One head office for things such as bill payments, and not regional field offices, which, he claims, take a few days to have systems updated.

Tiziana Baccaga Rose, spokesperson for Hydro One, said she could not comment on customer accounts, though noted service suspension is always a last resort.

Aurora said he had no concern about Aurora Group’s ability to pay its bills moving forward.

“That’s why we conserved our liquidity over COVID, for these exact things,” he said.

## MECP investigates

A near year-long Ministry of Conservation, Environment, and Parks (MECP) investigation into the demolition of the Wigamog Inn has concluded.

The provincial entity has informed Aurora Group it must meet requirements outlined under the Environmental Protection Act for waste audits, waste reduction, and source separation of waste materials before work can continue. Demolition has been paused since June 2023.

Shannon Simpkins, an MECP environmental officer, said Aurora Group is also obligated to meet certain requirements under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).



Pinestone Resort has seen \$2 million in upgrades this year, according to owner Aurora Group. *File.*

In a follow-up email to *The Highlander*, MECP spokesperson Gary Wheeler confirmed no charges had been laid as of press time. He said the ministry was still waiting for waste audit and species at-risk screening reports from Aurora Group.

“To date, some of the waste has been transferred to a ministry-approved waste facility, however more debris remains on-site,” Wheeler said. “Under the ESA, the owners are responsible for submitting a preliminary report to the ministry to determine whether or not they require a permit, should demolition plans continue.”

Wheeler said species at-risk that may be located in the area include the chimney swift, eastern whip-poor-will, Blanding’s turtle, bats, and eastern hog-nosed snake, though none are confirmed.

Aurora said an SAR environmental study was completed by consultant Pinchin and delivered to the MECP on July 2. He said Aurora Group is waiting for “the green light” from the ministry to resume work.

“Our contractors are on standby to complete the remaining demolition,” Aurora said. “Hopefully we get it done this year.”

One potential hold-up, he said, will be figuring out hauling leftover debris out of Haliburton County. He said a chunk of the materials will be recycled, with waste likely going to landfills in Toronto and Barrie.

## At the Wig

Aurora said his team remains committed to redeveloping the Wigamog site. Shortly after purchasing the property in 2016, Aurora Group posted plans to its website for a new

residential subdivision featuring 180-units, including condos, townhouses, and detached homes.

Speaking this week, Aurora said he believes the site could accommodate up to 500 units.

“The number one thing we hear from staff at Pinestone is there’s no housing. Everybody wants nice, decent housing that’s affordable and near to all outlets. This would, in my opinion, serve the community’s [best interests],” Aurora said.

Asked what other projects Aurora Group had completed in other communities, to show they’re capable of pulling off a project of that magnitude, Aurora said he’s currently working on converting a hotel in Barrie, and that his group has opened two Starbucks franchises in Ontario. He also pointed to the construction of a gas station in Guelph.

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# County begins work on five-year plan

By Lisa Gervais

The work of determining County council's priorities for the next five years is underway, with plans to ask residents what they want their municipal government to focus on between 2025 and 2030.

Councillors decided to scrap hiring a consultant to develop a strategic plan, and instead have County staff direct the process. A working group has been struck and CAO Gary Dyke, during an Aug. 28 council meeting, got the green light for the approach, timeline and general principles they would like to follow.

He noted the County does not have a strategic plan, although they have been talking about the need for one since 2022.

"Strategic plans are an excellent tool to guide staff and council, and inform the public about the direction of the municipality...", Dyke said.

"These plans consist of clear objectives, strategic actions and desired outcomes."

As part of the plan, he said staff would assess the current state of the County, including strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. They'll talk to residents, business

owners, community organizations, councillors across the Highlands and municipal staff.

After all the talking, they will come up with a clear vision for the County with "specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound goal objectives," Dyke said. He added they will build accountability.

They plan to talk to the community from about Sept. 23 on, via a digital public survey, and virtual or in-person meetings. They hope to bring the final plan to council next May. The budget is approximately \$50,000.

## Councillors weigh in

Warden Liz Danielsen said while the staff report was "excellent... I have to completely disagree with us going in this direction. I think this is an additional burden on staff.

They've all got full-time jobs and this has added to their jobs substantially."

She added, "I think this is a process that needs, to some extent, to be done by independent bodies. In particular, I have concerns about the consultation portion of the process. I think sometimes it's better to have an independent person doing the consultation as opposed to staffers talking to people in the public or organizations who already have preconceived notions about what the County should, or shouldn't be doing."

Coun. Lisa Schell agreed it is extra work for staff but said she did not think a consultant "would have been as detailed, as well

thought-out, and these people know us."

Coun. Walt McKechnie has never been a fan of consultants, other than when "needed in areas we are not experts at. I think we're the experts here. A consultant is going to spend most of his time talking to you and the rest of our council and the rest of our staff."

Dyke said they are making work plan adjustments to accommodate the strategic plan.

Coun. Bob Carter questioned the scope of the work, including just one month for public consultation. He added "we need to hear from the public as to where we're going. Do we have a desire that Haliburton County should grow to 25,000 people at some point, or try to grow to 50,000. Some rural communities have grown from 12,000 to 17,000 in a couple of years. Do we want that type of growth or do we want something different? Should we go out and get factories? What is it we want to do?" He believes the strategic plan should be integral to the vision.

Coun. Murray Fearrey added, "a lot of people would like to see tremendous growth, but we can't keep up with the infrastructure. Who's going to look at that? How do we keep up with hospitals, sewer, and water?"

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said a "key potential challenge is how do you delineate a general vision for the future of the County, and what this building is able to achieve? If you went out to the community with general questions; what do you want to see? they might say we want the Minden ER to come back, we want a school further north,

we want any number of other things that are great for our County but we have no particular control over and I just wonder if you've had an opportunity to think about what does that look like?"

Director of planning, Elizabeth Purcell, said any survey would "make it very clear what is within our control and purview within the County and what isn't." She added there

would not be a lot of open-ended questions, allowing people to "go off on random tangents." Dyke said there is room to discuss advocacy work by the County.

Carter said, "I think we need to be looking at the overall picture and situation. If people want us to have tremendous growth, we don't have the infrastructure, don't have the hospitals, schools, doctors, those become very important points when we start getting that strength and weaknesses analysis.

"When we get

from the public that 'hey, this is ideally where we want to go to' and then we look at the strengths and weaknesses that we have, then is when we have to start tempering things, or trying to put pressure on people to change, whether it be school boards, or hospitals, whatever. There has to be a balance there of questions. We have to let people dream also... maybe a theme park is the way to go.

He was referencing a talk by Peter Kenyon at a Teeny Tiny summit in Minden in July, in which the speaker talked about the town of Kulin, in Australia, reinventing itself by building a water park.



*We need to hear from the public as to where we're going.*

**Coun.  
Bob Carter**



County of Haliburton CAO Gary Dyke is spearheading strategic plan work. *File.*



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# Health Unit questions merger funding

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Peterborough Public Health have written to the Ministry of Health to express concerns over funding for their planned merger.

They jointly wrote deputy premier and minister of health, Sylvia Jones, in early August. In late May, Jones indicated support for the two health boards' plan to voluntarily merge.

"We continue to see this voluntary merger, when funded adequately, as an opportunity to improve the service delivery of public health for residents of our regions," PPH chair Joy Lachica and HKPR chair David Marshall wrote.

However, they told the minister there are concerns about the province's commitment to provide a specific budget for years two and three of the merger.

"This is needed for assurance that the province is fully funding the merger," Lachica and Marshall said. They added the business case, and the funding proposal they submitted included a three-year budget.

However, they told Jones, "we have recently come to learn that a full three-year budget may not be approved at the outset. Instead, communication has indicated that an annual budget for fiscal year 2024/25 will be approved.

"Both boards of health passed resolutions stating an intent to merge was subject to sufficient funding being provided by the province. The communication that initial approval will be for only fiscal year 2024/25 has left both boards with uncertainty and concern at the province's commitment to fully fund all merger-related costs for three years and whether municipalities could risk incurring increased costs in subsequent years."

They asked for a three-year commitment and assurances for municipalities.

With that, they said they would proceed, otherwise, they have the right to withdraw from a merger. They added there is urgency,



The HKPR offices are located in downtown Haliburton. *File.*

with a Jan. 1, 2025 ministry implementation date. They have asked for an answer by no later than early September. They further noted voluntary mergers were at the request of the province.

County coun. Cec Ryall represents the County of Haliburton on the HKPR district health unit board.

He told County council Aug. 28 that the health units last met Aug. 22 about the merger and, "the bad news is we received absolutely no comment from the ministry on where everything stood. We have no idea whether the funding will be approved or not. We have been alluded that it will." He said there is another meeting scheduled for Sept. 5. (today). "We will see if we can drill down and get more information. Hopefully in the

next meeting, we will have something."

The boards announced Feb. 26 they would seek provincial approval, and funding, to voluntarily merge.

In August 2023, the Ministry of Health announced what it termed "plans to strengthen the public health sector" by offering one-time funding, resources and support to public health agencies deciding to voluntarily merge by Jan. 1, 2025.

The HKPR board were told by consultants in November 2023 that a merger could cost up to \$3.5 million.

Joy Lachica, PPH board chair, told a Feb. 28 media scrum that several benefits had already been identified for the merger.

"Beyond strength in numbers... we're looking at improved program expertise

in specialist positions; cross coverage of staff and improved succession planning; enhanced strength of central corporate service functions; better surge capacity and resiliency, which, hopefully, will lead to less burnout for future public health emergencies," she said.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR medical officer of health, said the two entities had committed to continuing all existing programs through the merger process. Bocking said the new entity would serve approximately 345,000 people. There would be no immediate staff cuts, with HKPR currently employing around 170 people and PPH 130. Bocking added, "this merger allows us to bring the strengths of each organization and look at how we can maintain our services and add to them."

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Proposed changes are included in the following Schedules and are also available on the website:

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building - Short-Term Rental Fees
- Schedule C Fire
- Schedule D Cultural Centre Programs and Facilities
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule I Environmental
- Schedule J Community Services Advertising

Members of the public wishing to participate may attend in-person or join electronically and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Fees and Charges By-law. Registration is required for electronic participants.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- September 12 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 26 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhillsc.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

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Coun. Shirley Johannessen wants flashing lights at the crosswalk at Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road. *Submitted.*

# Councillor wants safer Minden crosswalk

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills coun. Shirley Johannessen has asked staff to investigate the possibility of flashing lights for the pedestrian crosswalk at Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road in the downtown area.

She would further like the public works department to consider signage to let motorists know of other roads that provide access to Hwy. 35.

She made her comments at an Aug. 29 council meeting.

While thanking staff for making a longer stretch of Water Street a community safety zone, and installing mobile speed devices, Johannessen said she is worried about pedestrian safety across the downtown.

"The area where Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road meet has been an incredible eye-opener this summer," she said. The councillor added there is probably a road safety report in existence for the busy intersection, but it likely needs updating.

"The (vehicle) back-up on Water Street has been concerning. The safety of pedestrians is our first priority. Currently, they are beelining it across the courtesy crosswalk to get to the other side for safety. Can we not install flashing, dedicated lights for the crosswalk?"

Johannessen, who works at the nearby

Dominion Hotel, added, "the honking and yelling of near hits and misses has been disheartening. We need to make it safe for people visiting the downtown core." She added directing people to other roads to Hwy. 35 would lighten the load on the downtown core.

Director of public works, Mike Timmins, said he was not opposed to flashing lights but the discussion would have to go to the 2025 budget. He feels it would be "pricey" but is willing to come back with budget estimates.

The councillor also wanted clarity on fire hydrant replacement along Hwy. 35, noting water would have to be turned off to businesses.

Timmins said he and a representative of the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) had visited nearly every Hwy. 35 business to inform them of the works expected to take place over the next month. He said they would do their best to keep businesses up-to-date and minimize disruption.

On Tuesday, the township said water main maintenance is happening Thursday, Sept. 5 along Hwy 35. The affected area is expected to be from Booth Street to the end of the water main north of County Road 21. Addresses 84-90 Water St. may also be affected. Residents and businesses in the affected area may experience reduced water

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## Council chamber roof

Council voted to award the tender to replace the roof over the council chambers.

It will go to ICI Roofing Ltd., for an estimated cost of \$121,600 plus HST and will include a \$10,000 electrical contingency. A second bidder, Industrial Roofing Services Ltd., was more than \$330,000.

Timmins said they had budgeted \$110,000 for the job. He said the shortfall could be funded from property reserves, which has a \$333,000 balance.

Council is, however, holding off on replacing 14 bollards along the Riverwalk that were damaged by vandals in May.

Staff were looking to approve a tender at a cost of \$6,400 plus HST, funded from the park reserves.

However, coun. Ivan Ingram thought it made sense for staff to investigate other lighting options, since the bollards are close to the ground, and can be easily vandalized or damaged by equipment, "something that will stand up better to the environment and vandalism," he said. For example, he mentioned more like a taller streetlight. Coun. Tammy McKelvey agreed, saying the bollards are, "hard to come by, almost obsolete."

Director of community services, Candace McGuigan said staff would look into it and report back to council.

## Support for CAS

McKelvey asked that a motion passed by Highlands East, against Children's Aid Society cuts in Haliburton County, be pulled for discussion, with Minden Hills approving a similar motion in support of the local social services agency.

Coun. Pam Sayne agreed with McKelvey, "I think we need to jump on this and respond right away. There might not be information on this, but there are kids out there who need this help yesterday."

The CAS announced in July it would be closing its Haliburton storefront next year and laying off one full-time staff member.



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**DYSART ET AL NEWS****Trapper's Trail**

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey assured residents of an unassumed part of Trapper's Trail Road the township would adopt it, provided the thoroughfare is brought up to municipal standards.

At a meeting Aug. 27, Elizabeth Cloutier said the township owns and maintains most of the 13-kilometre road, save for an 800-metre stretch at the southern tip.

In 1999, when a new subdivision was built on the road, it was decided homeowners in the area would be responsible for all maintenance and insurance costs. They established the Miskwabi Lake North Cottagers' Association to manage the road, which has since amalgamated with the Miskwabi Area Community Association.

Cloutier said 19 homeowners have been covering the costs for more than two decades. The road is also used by the general public, Cloutier said, for hunting, walking and riding ATVs and motorcycles. It's also used to access three newer properties, which aren't contributing any money.

"There's increasing conflicts with the cottage association and property owners on the north and south side of the road," Cloutier said. She asked the township, on behalf of MACA, if they would assume the remaining stretch of road. Homeowners are willing to pay to bring it to municipal standards, Cloutier noted.

Fearrey said the municipality has always maintained it would adopt the stretch, as long as it's upgraded.

"It wasn't assumed because it wasn't brought to standard when it was built. We had that happen a lot up there," Fearrey said, noting most of the older roads were upgraded in the 1970s.

Cloutier said roadworks would take place after Thanksgiving.

**Building activity up**

A month on from referring to this year's construction season as "dismal", chief building official Karl Korpela said July was a good month, with permits issued for three



Dysart et al council held its monthly meeting Aug. 27. *File.*

new homes and two seasonal dwellings.

The building department issued 46 permits in July – 16 for major residential projects, 12 for minor residential work, 16 septic projects, and two for commercial/institutional work. The estimated construction value was just over \$10.2 million – up from \$7.9 million last year, and in-line with values from 2020 to 2022, which ranged from \$10.1 million to \$11.7 million.

Year-to-date, the township has issued 262 permits, which is a five-year low. Construction values thus far in 2024 are pegged at \$38.7 million.

**Boat races**

Council has agreed to reserve the Head Lake parking lot for next year's Haliburton

Generators Power Boat Races. The event is planned for Aug. 15 to 17, 2025.

Clerk Mallory Bishop noted this year's event, held in August, raised \$2,300 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. An additional \$1,000 was donated by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club, which sanctions the event.

Deputy mayor Walt McKechnie said despite "the noise factor" he was in favour of bringing the event back. He suggested council hold off reserving the space until they've had a chance to update the users policy for Head Lake Park, expected later this year. Coun. Carm Sawyer suggested approving the request tentatively, but noted the agreement could change depending on the outcome of the parks discussion.

**Fleet upgrades**

Public works director Rob Camelon updated council on two new vehicle purchases.

They're buying a new trackless sidewalk tractor fitted with a snowplow, drop sander, boom flail mower, and ribbon snowblower for just over \$236,000. The machine will replace a 2009 tractor at the end of its life.

Council also approved the purchase of a new one-ton pickup truck next year. It will be used by the public works department for road maintenance. The estimated cost is \$130,000, which includes enhancements like a snowplow, sander, dump body, and warning lights. Camelon noted the vehicle would replace an existing 2015 truck. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker*).

**Canadian Navigable Waters Act**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) hereby gives notice that a submission has been added to the Common Project Search (online registry) pursuant to the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* described herein and its description.

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# TLDSB: school bullying a concern

By Mike Baker

As students across Haliburton County return to school this week, Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) director of learning Wes Hahn said he's worried about violence and bullying within the local system.

In a report to TLDSB trustees Aug. 28, Hahn discussed results from student and teacher consultations held last spring where one of the common themes reported, particularly on the student side, was a lack of safety at school.

"Violence and bullying continue to be a concern across the province, but we're worried about TLDSB. It's interrupting student learning... it's keeping them from attending school," Hahn said.

Students commented on the lack of available safe spaces, noting washrooms as a "problem area" Hahn said. He noted washrooms have become a popular hangout space for some, with an increased presence of vaping at high schools.

While punishment forms part of the board's solution for bad apples, Hahn believes directly engaging with students to press home the "very real" consequences of bullying for victims to be key. He noted this, along with other measures, would be key priorities for TLDSB this school year.

"We've already had our mental health team focus on supports, making sure caring adults are with students, educating them, helping them learn about the components of school life. It's not a quick fix, but we have to get at this work... to make a difference," Hahn said.

The director said TLDSB administration is working with certain schools to design better washroom facilities.

Hahn said one of the other primary concerns shared by students surrounded how they're being taught in the classroom.

Trustee Deb McNerney felt it was "pretty significant" that youth felt they required better pedagogical methods and more relevant instruction. Hahn agreed.

"This is one of those areas that has been around since the beginning of time with teaching – how do you connect with kids, make it the most meaningful learning we can? It's always a challenge," Hahn said. "Kids said it would be nice if they came in at



TLDSB director of learning Wes Hahn said the board is focusing on reducing violence and bullying in schools. *File.*

11 a.m. and left at 2 p.m. and brought their guitar. That's not quite possible, but we have to actively engage them [to improve]."

Hahn noted students are excited about opportunities afforded to them through co-op placements and hands-on tech programming.

Addressing the board's five-year strategic plan, adopted in 2022, Hahn said, "we have been doing good things and are on the border of doing even better and greater things." He said administrators have used evidence-based research over the past three years for all its key decisions.

Quoting author and education coach and facilitator Shane Safir, Hahn said the best way to make a difference across TLDSB schools is to continue to engage with and listen to students. And accept when something isn't working.

"Confronting the brutal facts about where we stand is important. It doesn't help to hide it, to not tackle it. It won't go away unless we open it up and start doing the work," Hahn said. "We want to hear our students' voices. They have a lot to say and don't hold back."

Hahn noted student consultation will take place again this year.

## Phones off

TLDSB is enforcing a new 'off and away' rule when it comes to cell phone use in the classroom.

The rule applies to the entire school community and also prohibits personal tablets and smartwatches. Students will be asked to turn off devices at the beginning of each instruction period and put them away to limit distractions and promote healthy relationships and meaningful engagement in the classroom, TLDSB says.

"The research tells us that excessive personal mobile device use limits attention, learning, relationships, and belonging in schools," said Tanya Fraser, TLDSB's associate superintendent of learning responsible for mental health services.

The change was one of the recommendations outlined by the Ministry of Education when it updated school board codes of conduct in April.

There are exceptions – students will be allowed to use their devices if they're required for documented health and medical purposes, to support special education needs, or if directed by a teacher.

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# What do we want to be?

At last week’s County council meeting, there was a discussion about the municipality developing a strategic plan.

I was surprised to hear that the County has never had one. Without a plan, how can staff and councillors know what to prioritize?

They have been able to do so – somewhat – for example, focusing on lake health via a shoreline preservation bylaw adopted by three councils, and soon licensing and regulating short-term rentals.

However, without a to-do list, some things have fallen by the wayside. Other shiny things have come up, and councillors and staff can become distracted. It’s easy to lose focus in a fast-changing world.

So, I applaud the creation of a strategic plan.

I am also pleased the council has decided not to hire a consultant to do this work. It has been the practice of most councils to hire outside firms. For the most part, I have not been impressed with the results. It will be interesting to see how the in-house approach to this file will pan out. Some, such as warden Liz Danielsen, would like a more hands-off approach, believing outsiders may see things staff would not. However,

the majority of councillors are happy to give staff a crack at it, for a lot less money for taxpayers.

We welcome the working group’s plan to consult with residents. I believe that is a crucial part of the process. We need to be asked what we think council’s priorities should be over the next five years.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux did query how the parameters of that feedback would be managed, since County council is responsible for certain things, such as roads, planning, community safety, economic development and tourism, human resources, physician recruitment, land ambulances and community paramedicine, as well as sitting on numerous external boards.

Not every resident is going to get a kitten or pony, as former coun. Carol Moffatt used to joke.

However, as raised by coun. Bob Carter – there is value in trying to garner a vision for the future of the County – and that goes beyond a five-year window.

In the face of rapid growth, now is the time to have that discussion – if not too late.

What do we want Haliburton County to look like in five, 10, 15, 20, 25 years? Do we

want to continue down the road of looking like Muskoka or do we want to reclaim Haliburton County? Do we want continued growth or are we maxed out? Is it time to say enough is enough? As coun. Murray Fearrey said, we simply don’t have the infrastructure to accommodate current growth rates.

The question of what we want to be has never been as important as it is now, in my opinion. But to get solid answers, we need to be engaged. We need to lift our game. Just as the last municipal election was appalling – not enough people running for office and too many acclamations – we need to get involved. Because if we don’t, we are going to have seven councillors set our agenda going forward and if we don’t like it – we’ll have no one to blame but ourselves.



By Lisa Gervais

# Farewell

This summer came and went really quickly and it allowed me to flex my journalism skills, get better at interviewing, and learn how to capture quality photos for a community newspaper as *The Highlander’s* summer reporter.

I first came up here on May 22 and started work two days later and a couple of days turned into weeks, and then months, and then the entire season.

I want to reflect a little bit on my experience at *The Highlander*. I got to experience a lot of new things while working here for the past three months, including getting to see events I thought I’d never see, writing tight on deadline multiple weeks, and learning how to hone my writer’s craft in news reporting.

I got to witness two 100-year birthdays in the span of a week, saw snowmobiles racing each other on the water, fire trucks being pushed into fire halls, met the MPP and MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock at multiple events throughout the County, interviewed multiple artists and authors, and I got to celebrate major milestones for restaurants, resorts, and other businesses.

The people here have been exceptionally nice and wonderful to interact with. I got to witness firsthand the kindness and generosity of a small town and it has been so shocking,

as I’m not used to it, but also so great, as I feel like people up here are happier and lead less stressful lives.

As I mentioned in my introduction column, which was published in May, I’m from the GTA, so am not used to people waving at you or just saying ‘hi ‘and wondering how your day is going. Reporting in a small town and County has been a privilege, and I’m so grateful for the experience. People being nice made my job a lot easier, because a lot of the population want to see themselves in the paper and have heard of us.

I loved the serenity up here and the peace I felt multiple times while on my evening walks along County Road 21 in Minden or the Riverwalk in downtown Minden. The unique businesses, whether they made my coffee or were places I bought gifts from, were charming and the owners were welcoming. I think my time here has been really meaningful, not just as a reporter, but also as a person. I feel as though I learned how to approach the job with humility, because I knew very little about the Haliburton Highlands and wanted people to share their knowledge and stories with me.

The biggest lesson I learned while up here was to take my days off more seriously and go out and explore the area more. Haliburton County is a land of lakes, forests and parks,

and I didn’t get the chance to go out on the water to canoe or kayak, or take a stroll off the beaten path in one of your forests.

Another lesson I learned journalistically is the importance of accuracy. In local news, the community’s understanding is everything and their perception of what we report on is very important to the organization. One small mistake can lead to a skewed perception of something and I was wary to check with sources on information and to check my facts.

It has been a blast working with my team at *The Highlander* this summer, and it will definitely be one of those summers to remember. As I head back for my fourth and final year of the journalism program at Toronto Metropolitan University, I will carry with me the confidence this position has given me, as well as the humility in approaching stories and the advice given to me from my team. Adios!



By Lillie Qiu



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LETTERS

Intolerance unacceptable

Dear editor,

My goodness, me. Just read John Pugh’s letter to the editor (leave my flag alone) in the Aug. 29 *Highlander*. I was gobsmacked to say the least.

Imagine a nefarious plot by the LGBTQ+ community to subvert and replace the Canadian flag. This has got me to thinking that all those Unions Jacks and Bunting flags all over the place at the end of the Second World War weren’t really a celebration of the end of the war, but a pre-emptive strike to try and prevent the introduction of Trudeau’s maple syrup flag in 1965.

I always thought the Pride flag had nothing to do with the Canadian flag but was a symbol of pride and acceptance on who one is. After all, gay people don’t wake up one morning and decide to be gay, to set themselves up to bullying, ridicule, to be ostracized by family, and former friends.

In many countries, in particular Muslim ones, they are beaten and murdered by those same family and friends for simply being gay. Gay people are quite simply born that way, and Pride, in a way, is a celebration of emancipation, and a request for understanding and acceptance.

In the ancient world, homosexuality was accepted, i.e. emperor Hadrian had a wife, and male lovers, of special note Antinous.

That all changed in the middle-ages when the Christian religion swayed the thinking away from acceptance, and persuaded the Muslim religion to go along, hence the atrocities began. Anyone should be free to believe in the religion of their choice.

However, attempting to force non-believers to kowtow to the rules of unsubstantiated religions or spread intolerance for other groups of people for whatever reason is unacceptable, and should never have been, or be, tolerated.

Keith W. Stata  
Kinmount

Land of the free

Dear editor,

In response to John Pugh’s homophobic rant [*The Highlander* Aug. 29, 2024 page 9].

You’re what’s wrong with Canada. England called, they want you back. You have no place in our country and it’s not your flag. Canada - land of the free.

Jennifer Adam  
Haliburton

‘Freedom yahoos’ use flag as protest

Dear editor,

John Pugh’s letter (Aug. 29) of indignation regarding the Pride flag incorporating a red maple leaf is just another example of just how out of touch, insensitive and tone deaf a very small and shallow minority of our society have become.

This image celebrates our Canadian diversity and inclusion and in no way denigrates the Canadian flag and all it stands for.

That practice, of course, has been left to the ‘freedom’ yahoos who fly our flag as a form of protest, often incorporating “f\*\*k Trudeau” for additional vitriol.

Perhaps the author could better direct his outrage to those louts (and for their benefit, denigrate means ‘to put down’).

Sean Pennylegion  
Haliburton

Love over hate

Dear editor,

Re: Leave my flag alone (Aug. 29).

With respect, I agree the Canadian flag is under threat - but not from its Pride design. The Pride rainbow, in the flag or elsewhere, symbolizes acceptance, diversity and love.

Whereas, drive anywhere in Ontario and you will see the Canadian flag in car windows - the Pearson design, so respected around the world - but this flag, desecrated with crude gestures and slogans, represents violence, bullying and hate.

The Canadian flag is under threat, but I will take love over hate any day.

H. Thompson  
Haliburton

Gratitude

Dear editor,

Now that I’m getting better, it’s really important that I share this with your readers. It’s a good news item for us all, for sure, and not because I’m improving.

May 29 began a month of hospitalization for me, serious medical issues, and absolutely the best care one could hope for. May 29, home alone, I started having searing pains across my chest, so I called 911, and chewed two baby aspirins. The ambulance and emergency fire crew arrived, assessed me, and took me to the hospital.

The emergency department in our Haliburton hospital recognized a serious medical situation, not heart attack, that required immediate action. They took it, and probably saved my life, then shipped me to Peterborough.

Again, immediate attention and more medication and assessment, plus incredibly caring attention by nursing and care staff. I was somewhat confused, day and night, due to the meds but they were so caring and understanding that it kept me settled.

Later the following week, they flew me to St. Mikes for surgery, and again everybody - docs, nurses, staff were so caring. Back to Peterborough to recover for a week, then home.

Now home with Laraine, who has carried such a huge load throughout this. Such a huge support. Fortunately, our kids, Susie, Melissa and Greg, made sure they were here for their mother, doing whatever was needed.

The point of my ramblings is that the women and men in our healthcare system are the best. I am convinced that their warmth and attention helped me keep my positive attitude, which my surgeon says was so important in healing. I am so grateful for their care.

Peter Forgrave  
Haliburton

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS  
Loving Clear Lake is ‘as good as it gets’

By Susan Tromanhauser

When Jim Love was younger, he couldn’t wait to move from his Thunder Bay area home to, “get away from small town living” and move to the big city.

Once in Toronto, Love flourished cultivating an IT career, meeting his wife and having a family. While satisfied with urban life, the couple felt a pull back to nature, to spend weekends cottaging, eventually finding themselves proud owners of a Clear Lake cottage south of Miners Bay.

The couple developed a routine of back-and-forth between their cottage and house in Toronto until Love’s wife declared she was not returning to the city; she was staying on Clear Lake. Love totally understood the lure of the lake and supported her decision. Love downsized to a condo in Toronto and began 10 years of commuting between city and cottage.

It was while isolating together at the cottage during COVID lockdowns, Love had his ‘aha’ moment. He put into practice what he always knew; “people don’t have to work the way they used to, collaborating on the internet can be more effective. You can live where you want and fulfill yourself.” The condo was sold and Love moved

permanently to Haliburton County.

Love witnessed his wife blossom as she participated in the musical world of the Highlands. Love recognized the host of great musicians in the area and he became a member of a couple of bands, including one with his wife. He has completed two albums with a third in progress. Love’s first album ‘Highlands Lullaby’ is filled with songs he wrote and was recorded in a bunkie on Canning Lake. While living an artistic life as a musician and a playwright, Love has not forgotten his IT background as he also hosts two technology podcasts that have become popular in the U.S.

Besides his adult children, who are still in the city, an urban joy Love misses is wandering around a big box tech store; but he acknowledges any item he really needs or wants is just a click away from the cottage computer. Initially, Love and his wife missed Indian food but discovered a great Indian restaurant in Fenelon Falls. Other specialty foods once enjoyed in Toronto they have learned to create themselves.

In his role as IT consultant, Love has been around the world, including through the jungles of Indonesia, Africa, London and Madrid. It was a stint in California where Love realized his true passion - being



Jim Love. Submitted.

Canadian. Love “supports the free enterprise and competitiveness” of the U.S., but he “didn’t fit into the culture.” Love questions how many millions does one person need? Instead, Love returned to Canada - to

Haliburton County, for a more fulfilling life. Clear Lake is where Love appreciates water views and unwinds in the quietness. With his wife, Clear Lake is where Love has built a life “as good as it gets.”



# Artist doing the 'Chamba Chamba'

By Mike Baker

When life gives Highlands artist Veronica Abrenica lemons, she tosses them into a proverbial pot of 'Chamba Chamba' – a favourite saying of her Filipino uncle growing up that means 'come what may' – and continues to smile.

"It took a long time for me to teach myself that, no matter what happens, no matter the challenges, we can persevere. Come what may, approach it with a good attitude," Abrenica said.

A COVID-19 transplant from Vaughan, Abrenica said she loves life in Haliburton County. She remembers visiting as a child, her parents venturing north for summer vacations at the Wigamog Inn, where they had a timeshare. Wanting to be closer to nature more permanently, Abrenica sought an escape. She found a studio apartment in Minden that "spoke" to her artistic soul, moving here permanently in 2021.

With a penchant for art, Abrenica feels like she hit the jackpot relocating to the community relatively sight unseen, without knowing how deep the Highlands' artistic roots run. One of her first discoveries was Fay Wilkinson's art therapy classes in Minden.

"They were exactly what I needed to reinvigorate my creative spirit," Abrenica said.

Bits and pieces she picked up from Fay, as well as her 11 years as a professional artist, will be on display this weekend at The Space in Haliburton as Abrenica prepares for her first solo art exhibit. Fittingly, she's called it 'Chamba Chamba'.

"My uncle would always say this while cooking – it basically means whatever resource you have, you put it in the pot and hope that it tastes good," Abrenica said. "You have to activate the sweetness, sourness, bitterness – all the taste buds. So this show

will be about activating the senses, peeling back the onion to show what makes someone human, sharing the soul."

Her uncle passed away in 2021, so she's using the exhibit to commemorate and honour his memory.

Describing herself as a performance artist, Abrenica said there will be various mediums showcased when the three-day exhibit opens Sept. 5. She will be leading in-person live performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., while also displaying multimedia, mixed media, and collage works on the gallery walls.

Abrenica considers the entire display a "living exhibit" that she's encouraging all attendees to contribute to or move around, whether you're an artist or not.

"The act of making art is beautiful – I love when people are in the moment. I love the mistakes, the quiriness that comes out, because it's authentic," Abrenica said. "I've lived most of my life through my authenticity. The way everything is constructed in life, you feel like you have to fit in somewhere in this realm. But art allows you to go beyond that."

"We forget sometimes we're human, we're not robots. We're meant to exist together, share one another's stories. This is going to be my story, and I hope others will tell theirs too," she added.

The dates are extra significant to Abrenica, as it's the anniversary of her mother moving to Canada. She said the art will cover her mother's story, too.

"It navigates the story of belonging. Everyone has their own journey, but I'm realizing more my Filipino upbringing is very tied into how I move through space, how I live my life," Abrenica said.

The Space is open Sept. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Sept. 6/7 from noon to 5 p.m., with performances at 6 p.m. Friday's performance will take place at Blue Sky Yoga Studio.



Veronica Abrenica is partnering with Scott Walling for her new 'Chamba Chamba' exhibit running at The Space this week. *Submitted.*

## TOM returns to Northern Lights this month

By Lillie Qiu

Those Other Movies (TOM) will screen their first film of the 2024-25 season Sept. 12.

*Wicked Little Letters* will be shown at 4:15 and 7:15 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

*Wicked Little Letters* is a light-hearted movie with a stranger-than-fiction true story from a 1920s English seaside town. It stars Jessie Buckley, Olivia Colman, and Timothy Spall. Colourful language comes as residents begin to receive letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities. Underneath the comedic presentation, the movie will prompt people to think about the roles of women, what has changed, what has not, and the dangers of making assumptions.

On Oct. 10, TOM will feature *Ezra*. The film features William Fitzgerald, a talented young actor with autism. It also stars Bobby Cannavale, Rose Byrne, and Vera Farmiga. There is a lot to learn from Fitzgerald's character, Ezra, as he navigates relationships with his family and peers. Efforts to do

what's best for their son can manifest in different ways, as his parents learn.

Patti Lou Robinson, one of the organizers at Those Other Movies, said TOM was created 20 years ago because there wasn't a film theatre in town, and because they wanted people to see movies that aren't necessarily in mainstream theatres. All of the movies TOM screens are film-circuit movies, meaning they were put on by the Toronto International Film Festival or other film festivals in Canada, such as Cinefest in Sudbury.

"Obviously, when you're starting out, you don't know who your audience is going to be, but you learn your audience as you go through the years. You know the demographic, what it is they like, don't like, and your audience is going to change," Robinson said.

Tickets for the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) and Doc(k) Day can be purchased online at [thoseothermovies.com](http://thoseothermovies.com). HIFF dates are Nov. 1-3 and Doc(k) Day is April 5, 2025.



Patti Lou Robinson, an organizer with Those Other Movies, stands in her office on Aug. 30. *Photo by Lillie Qiu.*





Former NHL star, Bernie Nicholls, and his fiancée, Amanda McKenzie, joined Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympians at the Haliburton Driving Range Aug. 29, to give them a few tips. Nicholls will be at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. to talk about his memoir, *From Flood Lights to Bright Lights*.

Above: The Red Wolves whack balls at the Haliburton Driving Range. Right: Bernie Nicholls with Special Olympian Brodie Mason. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*





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### Free hockey gear while helping food bank

Highland Storm's free equipment day was "a tremendous success," organizer Manny Lawson said. She said on Aug. 18, the A.J. La Rue Arena was bustling with activity as the minor hockey organization hosted the day. Approximately 50 families visited the event to select gear for their children or grandchildren, thanks to a generous collection of donated used equipment. The impressive array of items included 46 pairs of skates, 38 pairs of shorts, 29 chest pads, 24 pairs of shin guards, 13 pairs of elbow pads, 25 helmets, 27 pairs of gloves, 10 hockey bags, 20 sticks, 11 neck guards, seven jock shorts, goalie gear, and even street hockey equipment. "This event was made possible by the overwhelming support of our community, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who donated items," Lawson said. "Special thanks go to Emmerson Lumber and the Minden fire hall for serving as drop-off centres." The organization also thanked volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly, including the Draker family, Erin Fearrey, Carter McCord, and the Lawson family. In addition to the equipment distribution, they collected nearly 60 pounds of food and \$70 in donations. Lynette Gray at the Minden Community Food Centre "was thrilled with the contributions and expressed her deep appreciation," Lawson said. They plan to hold another event next summer. She added if children outgrow their gear over the winter, parents are asked to hold onto it and consider donating it at Emmerson's or the Minden fire hall starting May 1, 2025. (Lisa Gervais).

Top: Volunteers from the U11 boys' team, from left, Lucas Lawson, Carter McCord and Ethan Draker. Middle: Cheryl Smith from the Highland Storm with jerseys from last year. Above: From the food bank, from left, Wendy Payne, Lynette Gray and Manny Lawson. Submitted.

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### HOS wraps up season with *The Barber of Seville*

The Highlands Opera Studio presented *The Barber of Seville*, an opera by Rossini, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The studio did four shows of the well-known Spanish opera. The opera was performed in two acts, with one intermission. The opera follows Count Almaviva, a Spanish nobleman, who is in love with Rosina. Rosina’s guardian, an old physician named Dr. Bartolo, has plans to marry Rosina to get his hands on her money. Almaviva has followed Rosina from Madrid to Seville, disguised as a poor student named Lindoro. The Highlands Opera Studio offers advanced operatic training to emerging operatic professionals. Each summer, the trainees perform a number of operas and concerts in the Haliburton Highlands.

Above: Danlie Rae Acebuque and Queen Hezumuryango in an opera performed by the Highlands Opera Studio, to conclude its 2024 season. Right: Nicholas Murphy performing Aug. 25. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*





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# Hurry, hard for Minden's 75th anniversary

By Lisa Gervais

Michele and Jamie Walker were frustrated snowmobilers when they decided to register for curling in Minden in 2019. The long-time cottagers had recently permanently moved to the County.

Jamie said they had time and Michele said snowmobiling was unreliable so “winters were really boring until we joined the curling club.”

Jamie recalls asking if there was a social element on registration night; if people had a drink after playing. He was assured they would have one or two, as they sat with their teammates and competitors for after-game playful teasing and camaraderie. “We have found it to be very much that way. It’s a social club with curling, but of course it’s curling and the social aspect of it is huge. We’ve met a ton of people.”

Michele adds many of their friendships have spilled over into full-time, not just the curling season.

“The social aspect is strong and very beneficial to anybody at all, especially if you are new to town,” Jamie says.

The club is holding its’ registration event Thursday Sept. 12, 4-8 p.m., as its 75th season continues. Curlers will take to the ice the Tuesday after Thanksgiving [Oct. 15], and the four-week Learn-to-Curl begins the following Sunday, Oct. 20.

President Dwight Thomas said he began curling in high school before joining the Minden Curling Club. His foster parents

shared their love of the sport with him. At the time, he said Glee club was number one, and curling number two among teens. It was a simpler time, with “less attractions” he recalls while seated in the club lounge.

The current club was built in 1980 thanks to a matching Wintario grant. He said the club remains proud that it did not cost taxpayers anything. The original building was a Quonset hut that the Minden Agricultural Society purchased from CFB Trenton, and rented out to the curlers. It was opened in 1949.

Thomas pulls out a prized original copy of the program for the opening of that first Minden rink 75 years ago.

“There was enthusiasm obviously.

When this was built, curlers in those days had to buy their own rocks.”

He recalled a big moment in the late 1950s when the club borrowed \$400 to buy curling stones from the Bobcaygeon Curling Club.

At the time, there were 44 members. He said it was a time when people celebrated “the roaring game” due to the stones and “slap, slap” of straw brooms.

He also has fond memories of jam can curling at the Minden winter carnival. Large cans of jam were emptied into bellies and then filled with cement and handles for Saturday morning’s 8 a.m. throw across the ice. Public school kids were drawn to the sport. “If it fell over, it didn’t count. It was fun.”

Thomas said there had been too many



Above: Minden Curling Club president, Dwight Thomas, and curlers Michele and Jamie Walker. Inset: The program from the official opening of the Minden Recreation Centre on Feb. 4, 1949. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

highlights to recall all of them, but pointed to the 50th anniversary when the club hosted the Ontario Curling Association junior championships. Looking at the program, names such as Jenn Hanna, Julie Reddick [now Tippin] and John Morriss all appear – long before they went on to provincial, national and world curling competitions. “It was a big deal,” Thomas recalls, with 180 seated for a meal next door at the community

centre. There were men’s and ladies intermediate, bantam mixed, and Timbits elementary school championships.

As club president for the twelfth or thirteenth time, he’s lost track, he said he is proud to see the club turn 75.

“For me, the first thing is the curling club. This is home. It’s a community thing. It seems to have involved everybody in the community over the years.”

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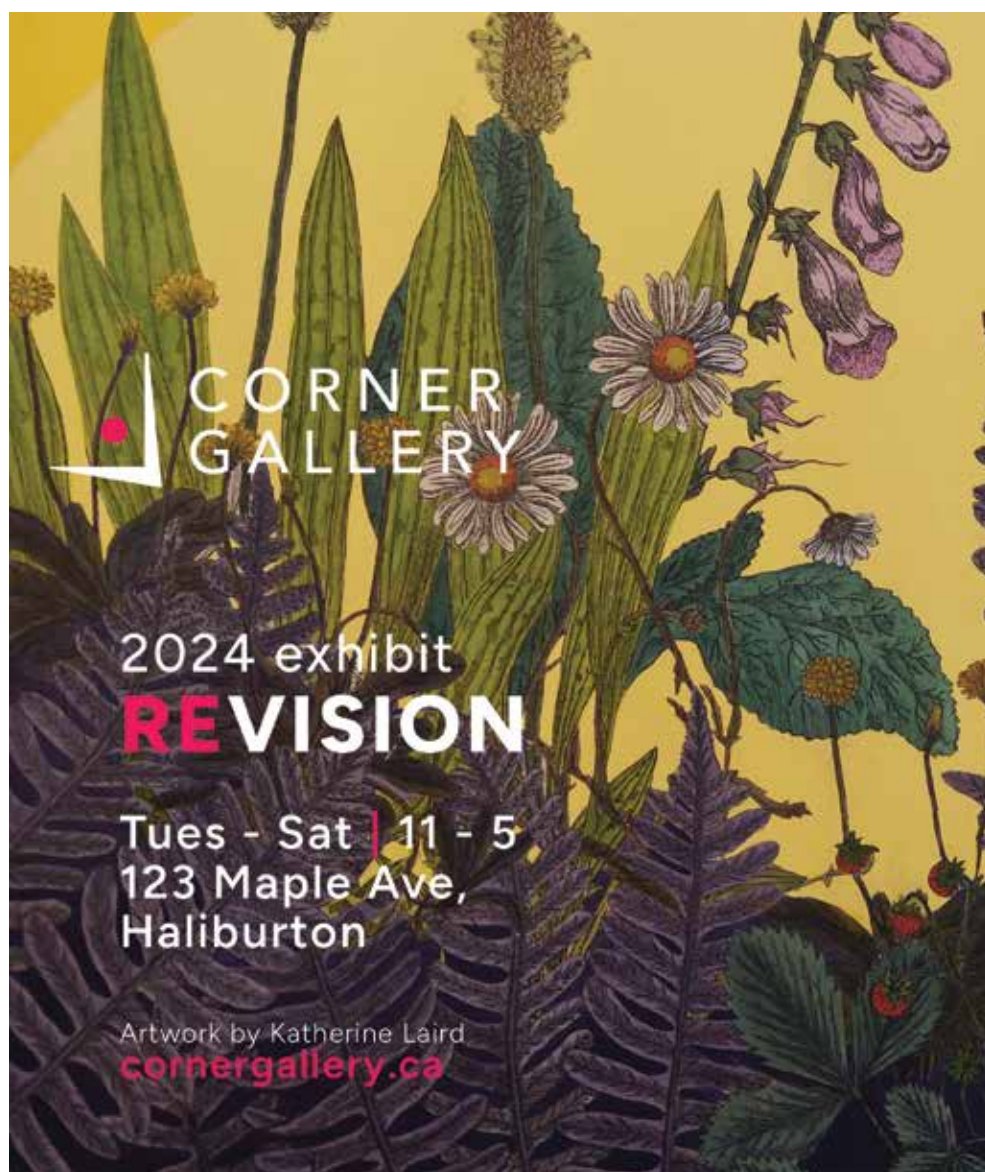
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# Owning team on Wilson's bucket list

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Huskies owner Paul Wilson said, aside from bringing a Jr. A hockey championship to Haliburton County, his primary goal with the Huskies is to set the franchise up for the long haul in the Highlands.

The club will kick off its fourth Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) season in Minden this weekend, with a Saturday afternoon tilt with the Leamington Flyers. As has become customary, Wilson expects there to be a full house at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena cheering the team on.

"We have the best fans in the league – the support we've seen over the past four years, that's what's kept us going," Wilson said.

His short-term focus will be developing a business plan that guides the Huskies franchise into the black. Despite having some of the best season ticket sales (over 300 this season) and sponsorship numbers in the league, the team is operating at a loss.

Wilson has invested north of \$1 million since purchasing the then Whitby Fury in 2019. That includes \$150,000 for the Huskies state-of-the-art locker room at the Minden arena, another few thousand to install the standing rails in the rink and covering hefty transportation costs for the past three seasons.

It's a sizeable commitment, but one Wilson is prepared to stand behind. Especially when he looks back on the fruits of his, and general manager and head coach Ryan Ramsay's, years of labour.

"I'm proud of the fact I'm able to bring a major hockey franchise to Haliburton County. No other community like this could support a Jr. A hockey team, in my opinion. It's a very, very rare thing," Wilson said.

While Wilson and Ramsay tried to make a go of things in Whitby, and first considered moves to Uxbridge and Port Perry once it became clear relocation was necessary, they're delighted to have landed in Haliburton County.

In fact, Wilson said it was something of

a dream for him re-establishing a Huskies program in the Highlands.

"I grew up in Haliburton. I've lived here my whole life. I played for the Huskies in the 60s when they were a Jr. D team. This is bucket list type stuff," Wilson said.

There were offers to sell and relocate the franchise this summer, but Wilson said that was a non-starter. Instead, he's spent the past few months working with Ramsay to sell new recruits on winter living in cottage country.

Getting players to commit has, historically, been a challenge. Some of the Huskies' best players in recent years, former captains Patrick Saini, Christian Stevens and Nathan Porter, and stars like Oliver Tarr and Lucas Stevenson, got their start with the franchise when it was in Whitby.

"When players come, they love it. But we do have trouble getting younger players, finding all the billets we need to house them," Wilson said.

At least until this season.

The Huskies are a much younger outfit this year, Wilson notes, with eight 17-year-olds making the squad. As under agers, they will attend Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"I remember one year we didn't have anybody going to high school, so it's a big change," Wilson said.

With the addition of centreman Nathan Poole, who spent three seasons playing in the Ontario Hockey League with the Kingston Frontenacs, and 20-year-old veteran netminder Corbin Votary, the Huskies have some serious talent in key positions.

They will, however, be without 17-year-old defenceman Lukas Moore, who had committed to the Huskies and was expected to play a key role on the blueline, only to crack the Frontenacs roster out of training camp this week. Two other recruits the Huskies hoped to count on this year also earned OHL gigs.

That's bittersweet for Wilson.

"We are seen as a really good operation –



Haliburton County Huskies owner Paul Wilson said he's proud to have brought Jr. A hockey to the Highlands. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

good coaching, good fans, good everything. Players want to come here now, but the downside to that is we're sometimes waiting on and competing with [OHL teams] for players," Wilson said.

Some players, like winger Alex Smeeton, opt for Jr. A instead so they can try their luck playing college hockey in the U.S. The NCAA, which regulates collegiate competition south of the border, doesn't

accept OHL alumni.

While still a few moves short of boasting a team capable of competing for a championship, Wilson said that will always be the goal while he remains owner.

"To have a little town like this win an OJHL title would be amazing. It would just be a dream come true for me, and it would put us on the map for hockey all over Canada," Wilson said.

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## EVENTS

### Sept. 6, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate 100 years of history at the old Victoria Street School site in Haliburton. Enjoy music in the Victoria Street community garden, featuring Trina West, Albert Saxby, Tim Tofflemire, and Chad Ingram. Rails End Gallery will also host a community drumming circle. All are welcome.

### Sept. 7, 10 a.m.

Join artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward as they tour the sawdust burner that inspired their latest exhibit *Burner Herzog*, now on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. The day will begin at the gallery for a tour of the exhibit. There will be lunch and then a guided hike of the burner site. Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required. Email [culturalcentre@minderhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentre@minderhills.ca) or call 705-286-3763 ext. 542 to register. The rain date is Sept. 14.

### Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SIRCH Repair Cafe returns - bring your broken textiles, toys, small appliances, computers, bicycles, lawn and garden tools, jewellery, wooden furniture, pottery and more to 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. For more information, or to become a volunteer fixer, contact 705-457-1742 or visit [sirch.on.ca](http://sirch.on.ca).

### Sept. 9, 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a special conversation with NHL great Bernie Nicholls about his book *From Floodlights to Bright Lights* at the Minden Hills library. Join us for a candid collection of memories from Bernie's childhood growing up in West Guilford and his journey to NHL stardom.

### Sept. 12, 4 to 8 p.m.

Registration social at the Minden Curling Club. Offering ladies, mens and mixed leagues for both daytime and evening curling. Free learn-to-curl clinics, and a \$99 special for brand new curlers.

Competition commences after the Thanksgiving weekend. Join in the fun and give curling a try. Contact Carol for more information at [info@mindicurlingclub.ca](mailto:info@mindicurlingclub.ca).

### Sept. 14, 8 a.m. to noon.

Household hazardous waste day at the West Guilford Landfill, located at 11903 Hwy. 118. Items that can be dropped off include: aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners, fertilizers, gasoline, motor oil, paint, pesticides and herbicides, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, and solvents. Any County resident can attend the event.

### Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Kinark Outdoor Centre is hosting a free family community day, featuring activities like rock wall climbing, archery, canoeing and pedal boating. There will be a BBQ lunch. Located at 1766 Queen's Line Road in Minden.

### Sept. 14, 2 to 6 p.m.

Aging Together as Community Haliburton Highlands invites you to 'The Beat Goes On', an outdoor social and musical event happening at the West Guilford Recreation Centre. Enjoy music with the Ukuladies and other local performers. There will also be a drumming circle, sing alongs, and instrument testing. A cold buffet dinner will be served at no cost. Bring your lawn chair. To register, contact Connie Wood at [constancewood@gmail.com](mailto:constancewood@gmail.com) or 705-457-7215.

### Sept. 15

Minden Rotary is hosting its fourth-annual charity golf tournament at Gull River Golf Course. Proceeds to support Brooksong Retreat Centre, formerly Abbey Retreat Centre. Sign in commences at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and includes a buffet dinner served by Mulligan's. Email [kerr-john@aramark.ca](mailto:kerr-john@aramark.ca) to register.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129

#### Haliburton weekly activities

**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.

**Tuesdays:** League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.

**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back. There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

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### Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519

#### Coboconk

**Second Monday of the month:** General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

**First Wednesday of the month:** Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

**Saturdays:** Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

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Tues: closed, Weds: 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

Thurs: 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes at 7 p.m.

Sat: 2 to 11 p.m. Meat draw. Sun: closed

**Sept. 6:** fish and chips, chicken fingers

**Sept. 8:** L.A. breakfast

**Sept. 13/27:** wings and jam night, seniors' lunch

**Sept. 14:** Horseshoe tournament all day

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Top: Debbie Calvert, Brynn DeCosta, and Weston Jones sit on a ride in the midway at the Kinmount Fair. Middle left: Michael Corvese, the president and chief chef of Purple Tongue Hot Sauce, stands in his stand at the Kinmount Fair. Photos by Lillie Qiu. Above left: Wrestlers Rob Hollywood and Kyle Boone were on the program at the Kinmount Fair on Labour Day weekend. Above: Chainsaw carver Andrew Munro at this past weekend's Kinmount fair. Photos by Justin Belanger.

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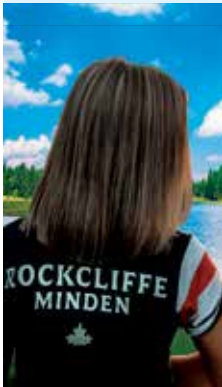
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Dominion Hotel - Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday Sept 8**  
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**Tuesday Sept 10**  
Boshkung Social - CanoeFM Bingo, 6 p.m.  
Haliburton Highlands Brewing - CanoeFM Bingo, 6 p.m.

**Friday Sept 20**  
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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of  
Myrna "Nadeen" Sanderson  
(nee Andrews)

Our mom, Nadeen, graduated to glory peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of August 27th, surrounded by the love and prayers of her family. We grieve but also rejoice that mom is now well in every way.

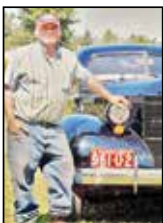
Loving wife of Ken Sanderson (2019). Loving mother of Myles, Brenda (Garnet) Young, Dan (deceased 1988) (Gloria), and Dorothy (Steve) Bock. Loving gramma to Kenton, Jessica (Travis), Adam, Kyle (Leanne), Andrew, Kaitlyn, Bethany (Donald), Kayla, Eli, Tali, Seth and great gramma to Isaiah, Asher, Jonathan and Donnie. Predeceased by her parents Evelyn and William Andrews, her siblings Frank (Roberta), Audrey (Bill), Evelyn (Harold), Ken, Myrtle (Stan), Allan and survived by her sister-in-law Linda.

Our mom was generous and hospitable, practical and blunt, feisty and loyal, a wonderful cook and baker, a competitive player of games, happiest in her gardens, and enjoyed wildlife, (as long as they stayed out of her garden). Mom loved her Lord and her family and friends. Alongside Dad she was a faithful and active member of church and the community of Wilberforce.

Our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Extendicare Haliburton for their compassionate care of our mom. Thanks also to Dr. Norman Bottum for his care of mom.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Harcourt Community Chapel, 1054 Harcourt Rd., Harcourt on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 1:30 pm until the time of the Memorial Service to celebrate Nadeen's at 2:30 pm., Reception will follow at the Harcourt Community Centre, 1032 Midway St., Harcourt.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Nadeen's memory to the charity of your choice. Suggestions: Harcourt Chapel, Wilberforce Heritage Guild, Youth Unlimited Haliburton, West Guilford Baptist Church, Lakeside church and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of  
Darol M. Sisson

Passed away suddenly at home on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at the age of 78.

Predeceased by his wife Carleen, his long-time companion Joyce, and survived by his long-time companion Beth. Dear father of Darol and his wife Angela, Melanie and her partner John. Proud grampa to Matthew, Ashlee (Kevin), Mikayla, Owen and great grampa to Logan. Dear brother of Elois, Sharon, Russell, Zelda and predeceased by Dolores and Barrie. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Celebration of Darol's Life will be held at a later date and will be announced.

Memorial Donations to the Central Food Network and the Minden Community Food Centre would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of  
Pamela Marion Watson

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest, Minden on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 with her stepdaughter Kym by her side.

Pam was loved and will be missed by her stepdaughter Kym Tarswell, by her grandchildren David and Erin, by her sister Margaret Brown and her extended family in England. Pam was predeceased by her husband Ralph Tarswell (2011).

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Pam's Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, 12847 Hwy 35, Minden, Ontario on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm. There will be a time for the sharing of memories. Food and refreshments will be served.

Memorial Donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, Minden or to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of  
Shirley Sisson  
(nee Giles)

(Resident of West Guilford)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital at the age of 86. Loving wife of Cleve Sisson who she has now been reunited with. Cherished mother of Janet, J'Nan, and Rod (Wendy). Predeceased by her son Dwight (Janet) as well as her sons-in-law Mike Yateman and David Bain. Shirley will also be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Thank you to our wonderful paramedics and to the Haliburton Hospital for her care.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Shirley's life will take place at a later date to be announced. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Shirley's memory may be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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Rogers will host a Public Information & Comment Session via Zoom from 2pm-3pm on October 1st, 2024. Please register for the virtual public meeting by 3pm on September 30th by contacting Eric Belchamber.

Rogers invites you to provide by mail or email your comments, and/or request to be informed of the Municipality's position on the proposed antenna system before 5pm October 15th, 2023. All concerns or comments are to be directed to Eric Belchamber, and not the local municipality.

Rogers attests that the installation will respect good engineering practices including structural adequacy and attests that the general public will be protected in compliance with Health Canada's Safety Code 6.

Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED) is the sole approving authority for the siting of telecommunications facilities. The Municipality of Highlands East only provides a statement of siting concurrence/non-concurrence at the request of the proponent.

Rogers does not expect Transport Canada will require the tower to be lit and Rogers will provide Transport Canada's requirements once they become available.

Rogers attests that the Proposed Installation is not located within federal lands nor is it incidental to, or form part of, projects that are designated under the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* (Impact Assessment Act) or by the Minister of the Environment as requiring an environmental assessment.

Contact details for additional information:

Proposed Wireless Communications Installation  
Reference: C8700 Loop Rd. & Sucie Rd.

Eric Belchamber

On behalf of Rogers Communications Inc.  
337 Autumnfield St., Kanata, ON, K2M 0J6  
Phone: (613) 220-5970  
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INSTALLATION D'UNE TOUR CELLULAIRE AUTO-PORTANTE

Proposition :

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Rogers organisera une séance d'information et de commentaires publics via Zoom de 14 h à 15 h le 1er octobre 2024. Veuillez vous inscrire à la réunion publique virtuelle avant 15 heures le 30 septembre en contactant Eric Belchamber.

Rogers vous invite à lui faire part de vos commentaires par courrier ou par courriel, et/ou à demander à être informé de la position de la municipalité sur le système d'antenne proposé avant le 15 octobre 2023 à 17 heures. Toutes les préoccupations et tous les commentaires doivent être adressés à Eric Belchamber, et non à la municipalité locale.

Rogers atteste que l'installation respectera les bonnes pratiques d'ingénierie, y compris l'adéquation de la structure, et que le grand public sera protégé conformément au Code de sécurité 6 de Santé Canada.

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Coordonnées pour des informations complémentaires:

Projet d'installation de communications sans fil  
Référence: C8700 Loop Rd. & Sucie Rd.

Eric Belchamber

Au nom de Rogers Communications Inc.  
337 Autumnfield St., Kanata, ON, K2M 0J6  
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Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer  
Municipality of Highlands East  
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Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0  
E-Mail: [bmccaw@highlandseast.ca](mailto:bmccaw@highlandseast.ca)

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Proposals for Canteen Services at the  
Keith Tallman Memorial Arena  
RFP-06-2024**

Operation of the Canteen Services for the upcoming ice season (2024-2025):

- Term: October 12, 2024, to March 31, 2025
- Successful proponent will be responsible for operating the canteen during evening and weekend arena business hours
- Operating hours are based on available rentals

Sealed proposals are to be clearly marked **"RFP-06-2024 Canteen Services: Keith Tallman Memorial Arena"** and submitted to the attention of the contact provided below:

Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer  
Municipality of Highlands East  
2249 Loop Road  
Box 295  
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0

**Deadline for RFP Submissions:** Monday, September 16th, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

For further details and to download a copy of the Request for Proposal document, please visit the municipal website at [www.highlandseast.ca](http://www.highlandseast.ca)

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The Municipality of Highlands East Is Currently Seeking A

**Part-Time, Short-Term Rental (STR) Licensing Officer/Enforcement Officer  
Building/Bylaw Department**

**Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement: \$28.72**

**Up to 30 hours/week, varied days of the week  
Weekend work required**

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at [www.highlandseast.ca](http://www.highlandseast.ca)

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications clearly marked **"Application - Short-Term Rental (STR) Licensing Officer/Enforcement Officer"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m., Friday, September 13th, 2024, via mail, in person or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer  
Municipality of Highlands East  
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0  
E-Mail: [bmccaw@highlandseast.ca](mailto:bmccaw@highlandseast.ca)

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer.



**JOB POSTING**  
**Child, Youth & Family Therapist  
(full-time)**

We are currently offering a **full-time** position in our clinic for a Child, Youth & Family Therapist. Responsibilities and duties include completing assessments and providing support to children, youth and parents in Haliburton County to address social, emotional and behavioural needs.

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by e-mail to [HR@pointintime.ca](mailto:HR@pointintime.ca)

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By the Numbers

by Barbara Olson

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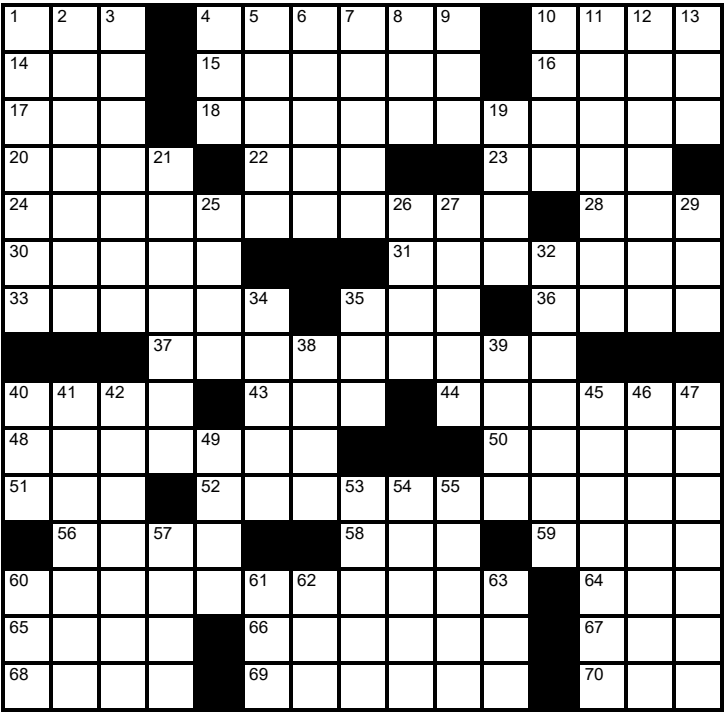
(The stars indicate theme clues and may help with the solve. Good luck!)

Across

- 1 Suffix with phon-, in linguistics  
4 Slow-cooked French stew  
10 Blasé reply to "How are you?"  
14 Wireless hookup: Abbr.  
15 "That's it, no more!"  
16 Verbal dig  
17 Writer's course: Abbr.  
18 \*Reason to rob a bank, presumably  
20 Clove-flavoured tea  
22 A Kennedy brother  
23 Bar worker?: Abbr.  
24 \*European love birds  
28 \_\_\_ the cows come home  
30 Pepys' words before "to bed"  
31 Reporting live from  
33 Gets the "five finger discount"  
35 Act like a bobble head  
36 They stirred up the pot in "Macbeth"  
37 \*Sightless maze runners  
40 Explosive Tennis Balls maker of toondom  
43 Spinning toy  
44 Evidence left by shoes  
48 Subtitle of the last "Godfather" film  
50 Coombs who was Mr. Dressup  
51 Env. add-in  
52 \*Hurricanes, tornados, cyclones, etc.  
56 Sighed words of self-pity  
58 Wallace hero Ben \_\_\_  
59 Vegan milk base, perhaps  
60 \*Cooking rub  
64 Full deck count, to Caesar  
65 Salt-n-\_\_\_ (rap pair)  
66 Orbital peak  
67 Hardcore punk offshoot  
68 Tool passer, maybe: Abbr.  
69 Joins a new union?  
70 Opposite of morn

Down

- 1 Choose for the job of  
2 Search for a fugitive  
3 Warning before a duel  
4 One who calls the shots  
5 "La, \_\_\_ to follow sew"  
6 Stuck in a bullring?  
7 Go one better than  
8 Cry of disgust  
9 Common typing test opener  
10 Sonny and Cher's "\_\_\_ You Babe"  
11 Stomach-settling herbal brew  
12 Pleasing one's master  
13 Item included with an old diary  
19 Service with Communion  
21 Wagerer's "You're on!"  
25 Hang loosely, as a tongue  
26 Racecar sound, to a tot  
27 Call the whole thing off  
29 Guitar great \_\_\_ Paul  
32 Aberdeen adieu  
34 \_\_\_ out (don't take part in)  
35 Jagmeet Singh's grp.  
38 Opposite of "blanc"  
39 Below deck occupants on a cruise ship  
40 "Great" primate  
41 Toothpick-stabbed trayful  
42 "Goodbye, \_\_\_" (Peter O'Toole film)  
45 Lila Quartermaine on "General Hospital"  
46 Served behind bars  
47 Word with jam or gab  
49 "Ah, gotcha"  
53 "Well, blow me away!"  
54 Subtle attention-getter  
55 Shylock's trait  
57 Aspiring G.P.'s exam  
60 Where to get waxed  
61 Golf's lowest is three  
62 Lift the lid, to Lamb  
63 Pre-cell phone no.



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- 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 3040 sq ft in town home
- Includes adjoining lot for extra privacy and space
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- Master with ensuite & walk-in closet, spacious rooms
- Property that offers serene country living with urban convenience



## LONG LAKE • \$649,900

- 3 bdrm, 2 bath year round home/cottage
- 108 ft clean, deep, rocky shoreline on 2 lake chain
- Large panoramic lake views, ample storage
- Vaulted ceilings, wrap around deck
- Oversized detached garage, year round access



## BOSHKUNG LAKE • \$1,500,000

- 4 bedroom, 2600 sq ft home/cottage
- 139' rare golden sand beach with gentle entry
- Single detached garage with loft, canoe boathouse
- Firepit at waters edge, stone landscaping
- Full finished basement, 2 stone fireplaces



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## TWELVE MILE LAKE • \$499,990

- 2 bdrm original cottage on 3 lake chain
- Level lot, clean sand rippled child safe beach
- Fabulous sunsets, big lake views, excellent fishing
- Year round access on cul-de-sac, nice docking set up
- Easy access to the GTA, comes turn key ready to enjoy



## HALLS LAKE • \$849,900

- 3 bdrm, 1128 sq ft renovated home / cottage
- 100 ft clean shoreline steps away with aluminum frame docking
- Garage with hydro, shed, sunroom, expansive lake views
- 2 separately deed parcels, easy access of highway 35
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## ESSON LAKE • \$649,900

- Classic 3 bedroom 3 season cottage at waters edge
- Western sunset views, undeveloped lands across lake
- Clean hard sand shoreline, gradual entry, deep water off dock
- Gazebo, dry boathouse, large deck, level lot
- What cottaging is meant to be



## FARQUHAR LAKE • \$385,000

- 2 bedroom classic cottage near waters edge
- Sand & rock shoreline, deep water off dock
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